

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2002.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. (Chair - District 4), Jerry Trumps (Vice Chair - District 6), Bobby Badeaux (District 1), Robert Castille (District 2), Chris Williams (District 3), Lenwood Broussard (District 5), Marc Mouton (District 7), Randy Menard (District 9)

ABSENT: Rob Stevenson (District 8)

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), Veronica Williams (Assistant Clerk of the Council) and Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Walter S. Comeaux, Jr. (City-Parish President), Glenn Weber (CAO), Becky LaLumia (Associate CAO/Finance Management), Steve Dupuis (Legal Counsel),

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(191) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. called the Special Council Meeting of December 17, 2002 to order.

RESOLUTIONS

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(192) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: R-079-2002 A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council making an appointment of Constable of Ward 8 of Justice of the Peace Court of Lafayette Parish, effective January 1, 2003, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the incumbent, Francis K. Fontenot and calling a special election to fill said position in the election of April 5, 2003 with a run-off, if necessary, on May 3, 2003 and qualifying on February 12 through 14, 2003, motion to adopt as amended (amendment being with insertion of the name of “Harold Lee Domingue”) by Broussard, seconded by Mouton, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stevenson

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Dupuis explained that notice was received that Mr. Fontenot would not take the oath of office for the new term to commence January 1, 2003. The Secretary of State’s office has supplied a list of dates for the new election as well as for the dates for qualifying. The Council needs to make an appointment, effective January 1, 2003, of a person who will fill the role of constable until a successor is elected in April. The person appointed can also run for election.

Upon questioning by Williams, Dupuis explained that a constable is the legal arm for the Justice of the Peace. The two work in tandem and have some limited law enforcement role. This is a new six (6) year term.

Mr. Domingue was then recognized and thanked the Council for their support.

ADJOURN

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(318) There being no further business to come before the Council, Chair Benjamin declared the Special Council Meeting adjourned.

NORMA A. DUGAS
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL